

**UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL HO CHI MINH CITY
PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION**

**Announcement
2010 GLOBAL UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Public Affairs Section (PAS), U.S. Consulate General Ho Chi Minh City is seeking candidates for the 2010 Global Undergraduate Exchange Program. First through third year undergraduate students who demonstrate leadership through academic work, community involvement and extracurricular activities and have a good command of English are invited to apply for the program. The application deadline is 5:00 PM, November 16, 2009.

Program Description

Funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program provides scholarships for one semester or one academic year, enabling undergraduate students to study in a non-degree program at American universities. The goal of the program is to provide a diverse group of emerging student leaders with a substantive exchange experience at a U.S. college or university.

For the academic year 2010-11, the program will place approximately 90 students from countries in Asia at U.S. colleges and universities, starting in August 2010 or January 2011. Up to 10 scholarships are available for Vietnamese students. Scholarships are for either one academic-year (approximately 10 months) or one semester (approximately five months). The length of the scholarship award will depend upon the student applicant's interests and availability, as well as placement options and availability of funds. In addition, participants will be eligible for two to four weeks of intensive English language instruction in the United States prior to the start of the academic portion of their program.

All Global Undergraduate Program participants will be enrolled full-time in undergraduate course work chosen from the host institution's existing curriculum to allow them ample opportunity for ongoing interaction with U.S. faculty and student peers, and for exposure to U.S. academic and classroom culture. To ensure that students succeed in their new academic environments, host institutions will offer tailored instruction on topics including academic research and writing, critical thinking, time management, note-taking, and studying for and taking tests. Participants will live on-campus with American students.

Students will be provided with opportunities to participate in up to ten hours of community service activities per semester. Additionally, an internship component will be offered to all academic-year participants during the academic component of the program. Internships will be related to each participant's field of study and/or career plans.

Scholarships will be available in all academic fields of study.

Participants in this program must return to Vietnam upon completion of the program, and may not stay on for degree study in the United States at that time.

Candidate Qualifications

Competition will be based on the potential of the candidates to become student leaders through academic performance, community involvement and extracurricular activities, without regard to their field of study, race, religion, or gender. Competition is open to all applicants who:

- ❖ Are currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program in Vietnam;
- ❖ Will have completed their first year of undergraduate study by August 2010;
- ❖ Must have at least one semester to complete at their universities in Vietnam upon the completion of the program in the U.S;
- ❖ Have a good knowledge of English with the minimum ITP TOEFL score of 550 (acceptable) or iBT TOEFL score of 80 (preferred);
- ❖ Achieved at least 7.5 GPA in the previous semester;
- ❖ Demonstrate strong leadership qualities through academic performance, community involvement and extracurricular activities.

How to apply?

To apply for the program, applicants must download, complete and submit their completed application form online at <http://sites.google.com/site/ugradvietnam/> and a hard copy of the following documents to the appropriate address below:

1. Completed, signed Global Undergraduate Exchange Program application form
2. Official transcripts for years of university study (with notarized English translations if in Vietnamese)
3. Three letters of recommendation from teachers/professors, including one from the candidate's secondary level institution (with notarized English translations if in Vietnamese)

Applicants who are studying at a university in northern Vietnam (from Quang Tri Province to the north) are requested to send their required documents, and any questions regarding the program, to:

The Global Undergraduate Exchange Program

Public Affairs Section

U.S. Embassy, 7 Lang Ha,

Ba Dinh, Hanoi

Tel: 84-4-3850 5000, ext. 6034

Email: pas.culture@gmail.com

Applicants who are studying at a university in southern Vietnam (from Thua Thien-Hue Province to the south) are requested to send their required documents, and any questions regarding the program, to:

Public Affairs Section

The Global Undergraduate Exchange Program

United States Consulate General

4 Le Duan, District 1

Ho Chi Minh City

Tel: (84) (8) 3821-6400, ext. 120

Email: PhamLTK@state.gov

Deadline for both online and hard copy submissions: **5:00 PM, Monday, November 16, 2009.**

Applications received later than 5:00 PM, Monday, November 16, 2009 will not be considered.

Selected candidates will also be asked to provide:

1. Copy of the data/photo pages of your passport
2. Official results of the national general secondary school graduation exam (with notarized English translation if in Vietnamese)
3. TOEFL score report

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THEIR AWARDS BY MARCH/APRIL 2010.